

MASS INTENTIONS



- Saturday May 16, 2015**
Vigil for Sunday
 5:30pm In Honor of the Blessed Mother & Jesus
- Sunday May 17, 2015**
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Patricia Foley
 11:15am Italo Bassani (Birthday)
 12:30pm In Thanksgiving
- Monday May 18, 2015**
 7:30am Joseph Blanco
 9:00am Sr. Ann Eigenbauer, OP (Living)
- Tuesday May 19, 2015**
 7:30am Carolyn Cuffari
 9:00am Mary Ann Cataldo
- Wednesday May 20, 2015**
 7:30am Julie Szanto
 9:00am Michael Bruno and Family
 Grace and Michael Calabrese
 7:00pm **Recitation of the Rosary and Floral Presentation to the Blessed Virgin Mother**
- Thursday May 21, 2015**
 7:30am Marie Curcio
 9:00am Amato Mario Dragone
- Friday May 22, 2015**
 7:30am Carl Dente
 9:00am Anthony Passaro, Jr.
- Saturday May 23, 2015**
 7:30am Patricia Reynolds Walters
 9:00am Special Intentions Scaglione Family (Living)
Vigil for Pentecost
 5:30pm Joseph Falciglia
- Sunday May 24, 2015-PENTECOST SUNDAY**
 7:30am All Parishioners of SFX
 9:30am Monya Ferrara
 11:15am Deceased Members of Gartner, Falcone and Schneider Families
 12:30pm Joey Falciglia

Holy Rosary: Please join us for the Rosary at 7:00pm every Wednesday evening in May. Also, there will be a beautiful floral offering each week to honor Our Lady during this month of May organized by our Filipino Community. All are welcome.



St. Francis Xavier Feast of Corpus Christ: Please join us as we celebrate the supreme gift of The Eucharist—The Body and Blood of Christ given to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament—Sunday, June 7th, 9:30am Mass, Procession to follow. Concluding with Benediction in School gym. Light refreshments will be served.



St. Francis Xavier School: First Communion was a beautiful day for all the second grade children and their parents. The last Home-School meeting for this year is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th at 7:30pm. Registration for September is on-going. UPK seats are limited. Call the school office for an application and tour. Visit the school website at sfxschool.net



Religious Education—Learning to live our Catholic faith 24/7: *My Church—My family:* Today, the First

Communion children will have the opportunity to join in the Opening Procession of the Mass so that our Parish Family can share in the joy of their First Holy Communion. Pancake breakfast to follow in the school gym. We bid a fond farewell to Ms. Alaina Berruti, our First Grade Catechist who will be going to Binghamton University. Thank you with love. You will be missed by all.

On Wednesday evening, the Confirmation students in both the School and Religious Ed together with their sponsors and parents enriched their awareness of the Holy Spirit in a personal way with Colleen Rayner, a very gifted and dynamic speaker. A heartfelt thank you Collen and to Dan Scaglione (Scaglione Bros. Bakery & Deli) for his generous donation of food for this event.

Sunday, June 7th, The Feast of Corpus Christi, all students and families are to attend the 9:30am Mass, Procession and fellowship and light refreshments in gym. Report cards and perfect attendance

A Big "Thank You" to Big Deal Supermarket: A special thank you to Big Deal Supermarket, Marty Dolgow, The Holy Name Society and all the wonderful people who participated in this effort for the good of our Parish. Big Deal presented our parish with a check in the amount of \$3, 416.08. Again, thank you!

Thank you Holy Name Society for providing carnations at the 9:30am Mass for Mother's Day.

Next Week's Readings (Pentecost Sunday): Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11; Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (30); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

League of the Sacred Heart will meet Friday, June 5th for Mass at 12:00 Noon followed by a luncheon at Captains. \$35 per person. For more information, please call Joyce Russo at 347-302-7635.



Our Gifts Back to the Lord
Weekly Collection (Parish Pay included):
 May 10: \$5,392
Second Collection (Church in Central and Eastern Europe):\$1,004
 Thank you for your generosity.



Dear Parishioners,

It is sad to bid farewell to Father Shanthi this weekend after four years of faithful service to our parish. Father Shanthi is a fine priest and a good friend. He has served our Parish and the Hospital selflessly and we will miss him. Let us keep Fr. Shanthi in our prayers as we send him home with our gratitude and our love.

We are half way through this beautiful month of May and so many beautiful things are going on here. We had the celebration of First Holy Communions and Mothers' Day last weekend, the crowning of our Blessed Mother by our school children Friday afternoon, a pancake breakfast for our First Communion Class and their families today with many of our First Communion children with us at the 9:30 Mass, the Rosary and presentation of flowers to Mary on Wednesday evenings, and a wonderful evening of Recollection last Wednesday for our Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors and parents with Ms. Colleen Rayner, a dynamic speaker filled with passion for the Lord. Let us pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 28th, with Bishop Loganegro. May they be open to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and to the beautiful plan God has for their lives.

Beginning with the Sacred Triduum on Holy Thursday Night we have been immersed in the unfolding of the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' suffering, His death, His burial, His Resurrection from the dead and glorious Ascension into Heaven, culminating with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost next Sunday. We find ourselves today in the period between the Ascension, which we just celebrated on Thursday, and Pentecost Sunday. When Jesus was about to ascend to the Right Hand of the Father in Heaven, He did not immediately send his disciples out into the world to preach the Gospel to all nations. No, He told them to first go back to the upper room to pray until they received Power from on high, the Holy Spirit. He knew the weakness of human nature and the power and deception of the enemy. And they prayed for nine days (the first Novena, the Latin word for nine) until the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them beginning the public ministry of the Church. Only then did they have the firmness of faith and the courage to go out into a hostile world to preach the Gospel. And the Church, fueled by the Holy Spirit, has been preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ ever since.

Our world is no less hostile to the Gospel of Jesus Christ today than it was back then. How much we need to pray during these days between the Ascension and Pentecost for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our world, upon our Church, and upon each one of us. How much we need those Gifts of the Holy Spirit in in this difficult world to see things as God sees them, to have the interior light and discernment to know what is right and wrong, and fortitude to do what is right even if the opposition is very strong.

That is what Jesus is praying for on the night before He died in the Gospel we hear today. He is praying for His disciples then and for us today that we be one in mind and in heart, one in faith and in our love for God and for one another. He is praying that we be protected and guarded from the evil one, that we be consecrated in the Truth, set apart to live differently than the rest of the world, to have the mind of Christ and to permeate our world with His values. In a word, He is praying for the *Holy Spirit* to be poured out into our hearts. "Come Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of Your faithful. And kindle in us the fire of Your Love." May God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Matthew J. Furey



PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to be prayed daily until Pentecost Sunday next week:

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your Divine Truth, the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, the Spirit of **Awe** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.



Please remember the following members of our parish community in your prayers:

William Ahearn, Dennis Aiello, Edwardo Alices, Mary Annunzio, Judith Arriaga, Betty Barbagallo, Nettie Bianchini, Joe Blandino, Nellie Calderon, Louis Campisi, Flavia Chiappa, Marie Ciacco, Theodore Chvetta, Jenny Cioffi, Loreen Clavin, Lorraine Capozzi, Angelo Caruso, Brenda Colon, Joanne Cunneen, Richard Daum, Carlann Defede, Antoinette DeLillo, Baby Colin Depriest, Alfred DeSantis, John Dinelli, Patrick Dolan, Baby Max D'Onofrio, Carmella Emily DonVito, Mario Esguerra, Cheryl Espinoza, John Esposito, Esther Finn, Carmen Flores, Billy Fischer, Luis Paz Florencio, Sr., Peter Frenna, Donald Gallagher, Maritza Garcia, Alexis Marie Gonzalez, Cora Gonzales, John Hastings, Charlotte Hayes, Kerry White Hemmer, Laura Lirieri Hernandez, Gloria Irizarry, Frances Jenkins, Felix Jaiman, Emily Koch (6-yr. old), Rosemarie Leo, Margaret Leonard, Ann Kittle, Angela Lirieri, Gloria Lisanti, Lucy Lorusso, Barbara Lyne, Andy Massa, Vincent (Jimmy) Mastrogiovanni, Paul McAllister, Joseph Milone, Jennie Miraglia, Maria Mazzella, Marjorie Morales, John Mullane, Brianan Murtagh, John Muzzillo, Michael Nichols, Paige O'Donnell, Teresa O'Hara, Kerry O'Keefe, Rosa Maria Ortiz, Louie Paone, Ralph Palumbo, Sylvia Pankovcin, Virginia Parchen, Richard Quartarone, Giselle Ramos, Thomas J. Reardon, Blake Rosenn, Angela Rizzo, Alejandra Rosario, Rosa Russo, Gloria Santaniello, Theresa Smith, Niko Stravrianopoulos (3-yr. old), Marie Swain, Paul Teehan, Frank Toapha, Justina Torres, Patricia Trainor, Lori Mayer Tricoli, Diana Vicinanza, Dominick Villara, Christopher Vitale, Kathy Vitale, George Walsh, Rev. Arthur Welton, Gary Wieler, Jonathan Wilson (12-year old), Ottilia Zangrandi, Madelyn Ziese!



In your prayers please remember all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, especially: Zachary Piragnoli, Nick Visconti, Christopher C. Cannata, Carlos E. Blanco, Emmanuel Martinez, Lt. Michael Tafone, Cpl. Christopher Antony, Cpt. Brian Pascuzzi, Master Sgt. Janelle Amador, Anthony Thomas Candito, Sgt. Troy Mastin, 1st Lt. Nicholas Cardello



Pray for those who have died: Santa Raciti



the
CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts 2015

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$49,500

Please Make a Gift Today

So far 139 of our parishioners have pledged \$44,635 to this year's Appeal, which puts us a little less than \$5,000 away from our goal of \$49,500. Although we are getting closer to our goal, we are quite a bit behind where we usually are at this stage in the Appeal in the number of gifts or pledges made. It is always our goal to increase participation each year. It is so important for our Parish that we achieve and even surpass our goal, as we have for the past six years. There is still time to make a gift or pledge. Please consider doing so this week if you have not done so already. Pledge envelopes are always at the doors of the Church. And thank you so much to all of you who have already given to this year's Cardinal's Appeal.

Pastoral Offices and Programs	\$6 million
Support for Needy Parishes	\$4.5 million
The Departments of Education and Religious Education	\$3 million
Works of Charity	\$2.5 million
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May God bless you for your generosity.

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REGISTRATION FORM 2015/2016 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PLEASE PRINT

DATE: _____

Child's Name: _____ Telephone # _____

Address: _____ Apt. # _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Father's Name: _____ Religion: _____ Telephone # _____
Cell # _____

Profession: _____ Talents: _____

Mother's First Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Religion: _____ Telephone# _____ Cell# _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT

Baptism: _____
Name of Church Address Date

First Communion: _____
Name of Church Address Date

Public School Attending: _____ Current Grade: _____

Has Your Child Received Any Previous Religious Education Instruction? YES ___ NO ___

If Yes, Where? _____ When? _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Emergency Name and Telephone # _____
(in case parent cannot be reached)

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

Please complete one form per child and submit Religious Ed together with Registration Fee \$100
Check # _____ Cash _____ Date _____ Thank you and God Bless You.

STUDENT INFORMATION RECORD

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Business Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Legal Guardian's Name _____ Business Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Special Medical Conditions: _____

Procedures to be followed if above condition presents an emergency: _____

Any special request for the dismissal of the child should be made on this form:

In Case of Emergency: Persons to Contact If Parent/Legal Guardian Cannot Be Reached:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Relationship: _____

Doctor for Emergency: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

In case of accident or illness, I request that the representative of the parish catechetical program contact me. If I am unable to be reached, thereby authorize this representative to call the physician indicated and to follow the physician's instructions. If it is impossible to contact this physician, the representative of the parish catechetical program may make whatever arrangements seem necessary. I agree to assume the financial responsibility for any diagnosis, treatment and/or medication deemed necessary.

To the best of my knowledge all information given is accurate and complete. I hereby consent to, and authorize the necessary procedures that have been stated above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____